

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. King confirmed that currently the City does not charge the additional 1% and when it is charged it is passed on to the customer.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Hood stated the City was previously collecting **3%**, the State franchise then allowed for 5%, and the City now collects the full **5%** with an option to collect an additional 1% for PEG. He further stated that Comcast is not looking to take the equipment at this time.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Hood stated that it is not very complicated to operate the system once an individual is trained. Mr. Hood stated there is another option of flipping the switch with a still camera that does not move throughout the meeting.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Hood confirmed there is available trained staff at the Community Center that could run the equipment on an hourly basis.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hood and Mr. Schwabauer confirmed that under DIVICA the cable companies are required to provide some public access but they are not required to provide staffing. General discussion occurred between Council Member Johnson, Mr. King, and Mr. Schwabauer regarding the ability to advertise on the broadcast channel.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated in order to broadcast meetings from Hutchins Street Square at this time, the City would need to hire a video production company because currently the facility does not have the internal infrastructure.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. King stated he is not sure of the cost to broadcast the meeting for invocations and the primary issue with website advertising was the use of the .gov domain.

Council Member Mounce made a motion, second by Mayor Hansen, to continue providing cable television broadcasts of City Council meetings by utilizing paid stage technicians to operate the cameras and collect the additional 1% from Comcast pursuant to law.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Hitchcock, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Council Member Mounce, and Mayor Hansen

Noes: None

Absent: None

L. Ordinances - None

M. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 p.m. In memory of Steve Berkowitz, long-time teacher at Tokay High School who passed away on August **12**.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk

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August 20, 2009

The Family of Stephen Berkowitz
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IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN BERKOWITZ

On behalf of the City of Lodi we wish to extend our condolences to you and your family on your recent loss. On August 19, 2009, Mayor Hansen adjourned the City Council meeting in memory of Stephen Berkowitz. He noted that Mr. Berkowitz was a longtime teacher in Lodi and that they were neighbors. Mayor Hansen stated that Mr. Berkowitz was the kindest, gentlest gentleman he had the pleasure of knowing and was very sad to hear of his passing.

The adjournment statement will be recorded in the official minutes, which are permanent records of the City of Lodi. We hope that in some small way this recognition provides a degree of solace to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Randi Johl', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Randi Johl
City Clerk

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cc: City Council